

Luane Roberts

Boozhoo, Lu Lentz niindizhninnikaaz, name niindioodem, Negaw-zaaga'igani niindoonjibaa, Kitchener endayaan. My name is Lu Lentz, Sturgeon clan. I am a member of the Sandy Lake First Nation and grew up in Kenora, ON. I have lived in the Waterloo Region for 13 years. I attended UWaterloo and obtained my BA in Psychology. I then attended WLU and received my Master in Social Work. I worked as the Waterloo Aboriginal Education Centre Coordinator for 6 years, before transitioning in the Indigenous Justice Coordinator at the Waterloo Region Community Legal Services where I work to assist Indigenous people in navigating the legal system. I am a passionate advocate for Indigenous rights.

As a first generation survivor of Residential School (my mom went to Residential School in the Kenora area), I didn't grow up knowing about my Indigenous heritage. It wasn't until I attended a post-secondary program in Thunder Bay and connected with elders and knowledge keepers there that I started learning about my background. It was as though missing puzzle pieces started fitting together. When I moved to the Waterloo Region I continued to seek out and learn about my Indigenous heritage through knowledge keepers.

I am active in the Indigenous community, sitting on various boards and committees such as the Indigenous Justice Advisory Circle, the Conestoga College Aboriginal Relationship Council as well as the Indigenous Education Council at Wilfrid Laurier University.